



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District RBHS Coordinators
District Medicaid Coordinators
District Special Education Directors

FROM: Molly Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: June 16, 2022

RE: Important Dates – School-based Mental Health Services through Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS)

The SC Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS) will publish a “Medicaid Bulletin” on Friday, June 17, 2022 to update its School-based Mental Health Policy effective July 1, 2022. The Bulletin formally launches the school-based mental health services initiative proposed by the SC DHHS in May 2022. The Bulletin describes the services available, staff eligible to render the services and district options for delivering services.

The Bulletin will be distributed via email to district staff that signed up to receive Medicaid Bulletins, possibly the district Special Education Director, Medicaid Coordinator or RBHS Coordinator. Please be on the lookout for this Bulletin as it marks a critical milestone from which important deadlines and deliverables are required.

Because these deadlines occur during the summer when district staff work adjusted schedules, please be on the lookout for additional information and be mindful of the below dates. These dates are critical to implementation of successful school-based mental health programs next school year.

The South Carolina Department of Education Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) will also send reminders to district Medicaid-related staff of these upcoming dates along with additional information as provided by the SC DHHS. Should you have questions, feel free to email

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Vanesha Perrin, OMS Director at vrperrin@ed.sc.gov or the SC DHHS mental health services email box at behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov.

Critical dates include:

Friday, June 17, 2022

SC DHHS issues School-based Mental Health Services Medicaid Bulletin via email to district staff point of contact (enrolled to receive Bulletins).

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

SC DHHS issues updated RBHS contracts to districts via email to superintendents.

Friday, June 24, 2022

SC DHHS will issue Public Notice and the updated Local Education Agencies (LEA) Medicaid Manual and RBHS rates.

Friday, July 8, 2022

Deadline for districts to email signed RBHS contracts to SC DHHS. The RBHS contract gives districts the authority to participate in RBHS. Districts will have additional time to determine how to exercise this authority and determine what their individual school-based mental health programs will entail.

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

SC DHHS executed contract is emailed to the district point of contact. Districts will have thirty days from this date to develop and submit an implementation plan detailing how they will provide school-based mental health services.

Friday, August 12, 2022

Each district's Contract Implementation Report must be emailed to the SC DHHS.